

(As of February 20, 2001)

**Section 3-403. Filing and Examination of Signatures on Petition --**

1.       Duty of Clerk. Upon filing of such petition with the council, the clerk shall examine it to see whether it contains a sufficient number of apparently genuine signatures of duly registered voters. The clerk may question the genuineness of any signature or signatures appearing on the petition, and if the clerk finds that any such signature or signatures are not genuine, the clerk shall, after public disclosure of the signatures in question, disregard them in determining whether the petition contains a sufficient number of signatures.

2.       Clerk to Reject Petition, When. The clerk shall eliminate any sheet of the petition which is not accompanied by the required affidavit. The invalidity of any sheet shall not affect the validity of the petition if a sufficient number of signatures remains after eliminating such invalid sheet. The clerk shall complete the examination of the petition within twenty working days after the date of filing with the council.

3.       Review by the Court. A final determination as to the sufficiency or validity of the petition may be subject to court review. (*Petition No. 17 (1982); Reso. 83-357; 1992 General Election Charter Amendment Question Nos. 32A(7) and 32A(8)*)